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## BRITISH MINE STRIKE DUE MAY DAY

### LEGALIZE WINE AND BEER, URGE A. F. OF L. CHIEFS

Green's Agent Pleads  
for Light Drinks

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, April 9.—A direct appeal by organized labor for modification of the Volstead act to permit sale of light wines and beer was made today by William Roberts, personal representative of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, at the hearing today. Senator Harrell, republican of Oklahoma, conducted the session in place of Senator Means, who is sick.

The prohibition law, Roberts said, is being openly disregarded by the American people and has turned the country into a nation of law violators. "Give the people a chance to vote on the issue," said Roberts, "and there will be no doubt of the result."

"When the federation meets in conventions each year, its delegates are well informed on all subjects that come before the body, as they know the attitude of the rank and file," declared Roberts. "Therefore, when the federation conventions declared by practically unanimous votes that the Volstead act should be modified it was in response to the voice of the rank and file. At every convention the delegates have freely stated that the unrest among the wage earners because of the Volstead act is ever-increasing."

**Gompers Missed the Beer.**  
Roberts told of travelling 30,000 miles with the late Samuel Gompers. "Everywhere we went there was plenty of distilled liquor but seldom real beer. We found the homes of the people had been turned into breweries and distilleries which turned out dangerous concoctions that if drunk to any extent would ruin the health of those who drank them. When asked why they drank such stuff they said there was nothing else to be obtained. They invariably asked when were members of congress going to realize that the manufacture and sale of beer would make for true temperance. Women as well as men were interested in such questioning."

**Eighteenth Amendment O. K.**  
"Is it your opinion the consumption of hard liquors would be reduced if beer and light wines were allowed?" asked Senator Reed, (D) of Missouri.

"It certainly is," said Roberts.

"You are not opposing the eighteenth amendment, then?" asked Senator Harrell, (R) of Oklahoma.

"No, not at all," Roberts replied. "We stand for true temperance and we believe modification of the present law to permit beers and light wines is the only way to true temperance."

**McSorley Testifies.**  
William J. McSorley, president of the building trades department of the federation, said he "favored a law which will give the working men beer and light wines."

"The working man does not believe the present law is just or fair," said McSorley. "He feels that the rich man, who had enough money, could stock his cellar and have his drink of whiskey, beer and wine all his life."

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### MASSACHUSETTS TEXTILE BARONS TRY TO BLOCK PASSAIC RELIEF

BOSTON, April 9.—In a screaming headline article published in the Boston Telegram, strenuous efforts are made to discourage workers from contributing to relief of the Passaic strikers. Norman Abbot, the writer of the series of articles writes openly in the name of the industries and manufacturing plants of Massachusetts. This of course can be none other than the textile manufacturers, who are the most powerful forces in Massachusetts' industrial life.

Following the traditional method of the prostitute capitalist press, the article attempts to give the impression that the relief campaign is a Communist plot, whose purpose is "To seize the Hub," and "To seize control of the city and plant the red flag of Communism here." The attempt on the part of the Telegram to attack the various labor organizations which are part of the Greater Boston Conference for the Relief of the Passaic Strikers

### HE CAN'T SEE THE BIG FELLOW



### ROADS REFUSE CLERKS \$7.24 A MONTH RAISE

Pennsylvania's Surplus  
Is \$25,892,985

NEW YORK, April 9.—The application of the clerks of the Pennsylvania railroad for a restoration of the wage scale in effect prior to July 1, 1921 has been refused by the company. The management declared that neither the facts arrived at by the committee appointed by the road and by the employees nor supplementary statements offered later by the employees justified an increase.

The rail labor board reduced the rate of wages for clerks \$7.24 a month in 1921, and the clerks asked the cut be cancelled.

On the same day in which the railroad announced its inability to pay its clerical force the small additional sum of \$7.24 a month for each man or woman clerk employed, there was made public the report of the company for last year showing that 1925 had been one of the most prosperous years in its history.

The gain in net income over the pre-

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### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME HITS NEW YORK APRIL 25 AND ENDS SEPTEMBER 26

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
NEW YORK, April 9.—Daylight saving time goes into effect in New York on April 25, the last Sunday of the month.

Standard time will be resumed on September 26.

### WORKERS RALLY TO FOREIGN-BORN CAMPAIGN IN N. Y.

Plan Mass Meeting on  
April 16th

NEW YORK, April 9.—The workers of New York are fast rallying to the support of the New York Council for the Protection of Foreign-Born Workers in its drive against the anti-alien bills now pending in congress.

**200,000 Workers.**  
The council, organized in February and backed by over 200,000 organized workers, has already begun the campaign which aims to unite all workers of the city in a fight against the attempts to create a conscript army of foreign-born workers and thus establish a club over the heads of the entire American working class.

A mass meeting against the Aswell, Johnson, McClintic and all other alien registration laws will be held on Friday, April 16, 8 p. m., at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East Fourth street. At this demonstration petitions will be distributed and the drive started for 1,000,000 signatures voicing the protest of New York Labor and demanding the defeat of all discriminatory measures against foreign-born workers.

It is expected that the meeting will prove a highly successful demonstration. The workers are not fooled by the fact that very little agitation is now being carried on by supporters of these measures. They understand that if action on these bills is postponed, it is merely an election maneuver. American capital has been conspiring for several years to carry through its vicious plans, and only the organized power, the united efforts of all sections of the American working class, will prevent the enactment of the proposed legislation.

### LEFT WING WINS ELECTIONS IN TORONTO A. C. W.

Ballot-Fixers Defeated  
in Re-election

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
TORONTO, Ont., April 9.—The left wing won an outstanding victory in the elections in the Toronto Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union. The present election was held as a result of rank-and-file demand following the discovery of fraudulent ballot fixing in the regular elections held several weeks ago.

**Counted Out.**  
The left wing slate, S. Stolberg, candidate for manager of the union, and A. Temkin, candidate for secretary, was elected by a large majority. In the previous election the left wing candidate for manager, Blugerman, had been counted out in favor of the right-winger, Rosenbloom. The cat was let out of the bag when one of the right-wingers, Jaffe, confessed that ballots for Blugerman had been destroyed in large quantities.

**Rank-and-File Demand.**  
A demand was at once made by the left-wingers and all honest union elements for a re-election. The general office, thru General Secretary Schlossberg, tried to discourage this demand and to whitewash the fakery. Finally, however, the rank and file forced the re-election. The voting was the heaviest in the history of the union in Toronto, 1,100 members participating.

### Governor Smith Aids Insurance Companies Dodge Russian Suits

ALBANY, N. Y.—(FP)—April 9.—Civil suits by Russians to recover the amounts of their insurance policies from American companies cannot be heard in New York state courts until 30 days after the Soviet government is formally recognized by the United States. Governor Al Smith signed the bill which was sponsored by insurance companies to stop suits for \$25,000,000 on policies cancelled after alleged confiscation of insurance company properties in Russia.

### FORM 24-HOUR PICKET LINE IN PASSAIC

Strikers Rally to Fight  
Police Brutality

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
PASSAIC, N. J., April 9.—An all-night picket line is the answer of the United Front Committee to the three attacks by police on picket lines. "We are not daunted, we have just begun to fight," said Albert Weisbord in announcing the continuous lines.

The picket line at the Gera mill was viciously attacked by the police and Andy Bokowsky, Tony Amazon, and Stephen Gede arrested and held under heavy bail. Gede was badly beaten, as were the others. He suffered lacerations about the head and face.

**Attack 2,000 Pickets.**  
A picket line 2,000 strong was broken up in the late afternoon when it attempted to pass the Gera mill. Clubs flew, blood splattered the sidewalks, women were trampled and crushed by horses and by an increased motorcycle detachment—all the horror which has become so sickeningly familiar to the strikers in their eleven weeks of dealing with the rioting police, were re-enacted. At the time of writing it was impossible to determine how many were hurt, or how many were arrested.

**Hide Their Badges.**  
Police again covered their badges so that strikers might not be able to take their numbers and obtain legal redress for the brutal clabbings. They then charged the crowd with their horses, motorcycles and clubs.

An evening picket line before the Botany mill was also viciously attacked. Helen Bokowsky and Anna Kosch being arrested. They were beaten and abused during their arrest.

**Establish All-Night Picket Line.**  
The following statement by Albert Weisbord announced the all-day all-night picket line.

"One thing is very plain and must be kept constantly in mind of the public when it reads about the Cossack brutalities that are daily occurring in Passaic and that is that the responsibility for the violence and disorder now existing in Passaic must be placed fully and plainly on the shoulders of the mill owners. We shall meet their policy of stubbornness and stiffnecked carism with the same resoluteness, determination and firmness as before. We are not daunted, we have just begun to fight, as the mill owners will soon realize. Hereafter an all-day and all-night picket line will be established before all the mills.

**International Solidarity.**  
Europe has turned its eyes on the workers' struggle in Passaic. "Admiration for resistance against gas warfare" and encouragement to continue the struggle was received from fifteen million trade unionists of the entire world in a cablegram received from the central office in Berlin of the International Workers' Aid by the Passaic United Front Committee of (Continued on page 2.)

### RICH MAN RAPED NEGRO GIRL AND HE STILL LIVES

Judge Saves Assailant of  
11-Year-Old Child

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(By Mail)—The continued existence of special consideration for white persons charged with crime as compared to the treatment given Negroes accused of the same offense was proven again in the recent decision in the case of a young white man who raped a little colored girl of Lexington, Kentucky.

The man involved was Charles Merchant, son of C. W. Merchant, a prominent building contractor of Lexington. The girl was only 11 years old. The crime was admitted.

In order to escape the consequences of his deed, the defense of insanity was set up. During the course of the trial the young man's father testified to alleged streaks of insanity running in the family. Four psychiatrists, hired by the wealthy contractor, declared the son's mental condition was abnormal.

Circuit Judge R. C. Stoll, who had been waiting all along for a chance (Continued on page 2.)

### N. Y. Legislature Kills 48-Hr. Week Proposal Despite Election Cry

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
ALBANY, N. Y., April 8.—The Shonk 48-hour week bill for women and minors in industry is dead. By a vote of 79 to 69 a motion to discharge the rules committee of the assembly from further consideration of the measure was defeated. The majority of the rules committee is opposed to the bill but will not report it out, thus preventing a direct vote on it by the legislature.

Ten republicans voted with the 59 democrats to get the bill on to the floor. The republican party in its platform for the last state election promised the passage of a 48-hour week measure but has taken no steps to carry out their promise. On the other hand, they have blocked every effort, even on the part of a few members of their party, to enact such legislation.

### JERSEY STEEL WORKERS COME OUT 900 STRONG

Demand Wage Increase  
and Overtime

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 9.—The 900 workers of the Crucible Steel Co. of New Jersey walked out in a 100% strike demanding a 20% wage increase and a half for overtime and double time for Sunday and holiday work. The workers are unorganized.

**Strike Committee.**  
A strike committee called on the bosses. They were told that if they got the men back to work immediately the matter of an increase to some of the workers would be considered.

This is a trick that was worked before in previous strikes in the same plant, and with success.

**Mass Meeting.**  
The strikers held a mass meeting yesterday in a hall near the plant. The committee reported the results of its mission. Without discussion a vote was taken.

Workers in some departments voted for separate agreements. This had a demoralizing effect on the meeting.

**Speak for Unity.**  
The situation was saved from complete disaster when Louis Kovess was given permission to speak. He told the workers that not a man should return until all the workers get their demands. Separate agreements will lose the present strike as they lost the past one," he said and advocated that the men take immediate steps to form a union.

**Will Fight.**  
The workers received the talk enthusiastically and staged a demonstration for a united fight.

A committee was instructed to take action towards forming a union and arrangements made for another strike meeting with English, Hungarian and Greek speakers.

**Low Wages.**  
The steel workers in the Crucible plant receive wages as low as 30 and 35c. an hour. In some departments they work as much as 70 to 100 hours a week for \$35.00.

The company, which has plants in various parts of the country, shows an annual profit of over \$11,000,000.

### Tammany Hall Smith Slanders Soviet Union

ALBANY, April 9.—Governor Smith is expected to sign a bill introduced into the legislature at the request of the New York Life and the Equitable Life insurance companies that would relieve them of liabilities to their policy holders in the Soviet Union until 30 days after the formal recognition by the United States of the Soviet Republic.

At a hearing on the measure held on April 5 Smith signified his agreement with the purposes of the act. The governor, who is a strong Catholic and a Tammany Hall politician, seized occasion to slander the Soviet Union in a cheap diatribe.

John W. Davis, former ambassador to Great Britain and Democratic candidate for president in 1924, represented the corporations. Charles Reicht, of New York City, was present for the Soviet government which had arranged for the filing of such claims with one of its departments.

### COAL MINERS TO FIGHT LONG DAY AND WAGE SLASH

Whole Labor Movement  
Behind Them

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
LONDON, April 9.—A nation-wide coal strike May 1 that will undoubtedly bring with it a general tie-up in Great Britain is a certainty. A conference of miners' delegates met today in London and voted to stand by their slogan "Not a cent off the pay, not a second on the day." Wage reductions, lengthening of hours and substitution of one national agreement by district agreements were flatly rejected.

**Subsidy Expires.**  
The decision of the conference amounts to a rejection of the recommendation of the Royal Coal Commission that had been set up in an effort to stave off the coming crisis. The original coal subsidy of \$50,000,000 appropriated last June that postponed the crisis has now grown to \$115,000,000 and will be discontinued May 1st.

**Wage Cuts.**  
The operators have expressed their intention of launching a wage-cut drive on the expiration of the subsidy. It is this that will directly precipitate the strike in the coal fields. The miners have been assured by other sections of the labor movement that their walk-out will be joined by workers in other industries.

**More than Wages.**  
A. J. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, said about the coming conflict, "We are consulting the whole trade union movement because in case of a fight it will not only be the miners' strike but one of the whole movement. Wages will be the immediate object but we are going to get something more. There may be both an industrial and political struggle."

**T. U. C. Behind Them.**  
The miners are in consultation with the Special Industrial Committee of the Trade Union Congress preparing plans for the whole organized labor movement of Britain to stand behind the miners. Tonight the miners' representatives will confer with Premier Baldwin.

**Industrial Alliance.**  
An Industrial Alliance is being formed to stand by the miners and defend the workers' movement in the coming crisis against the fascist organizations such as the O. M. S. that are being formed with government connivance for strikebreaking purposes. Unions totalling a million and a half members have already voted to join the alliance. The largest of these are the Miners Federation, 800,000 members; Transport and General Workers, 290,000; Amalgamated Engineering Union, 207,000; Workers' Union, 131,000.

**Call For Action.**  
The "Call For Action" issued by the British Minority Movement com-

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### Lecture on Religion at N. Y. School Forum

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
NEW YORK, April 9.—"The Role of Religion in Civilization" is the topic of unusual interest which the Workers' School Forum, at 108 E. 14 street, announces for this Sunday night, April 11, at 8 p. m. and the speaker is D. Kvitko, who has written much on psychology, philosophy and sociology.

The question of religion, its role in society and the attitude of the Communists towards it, is one of the most difficult problems and one which the Workers Party has not given enough thought to. This forum lecture is intended to provoke discussion of these fundamental problems and to direct attention towards their solution.

On the Sunday following, another controversial subject will be introduced in the forum in the form of a lecture by V. F. Calverton on the problem "Is Proletarian Culture Possible?" Calverton will take issue with the viewpoint of Bukharin and Trotsky on this matter and will in part defend the viewpoint of the proletcult advocates. His talk, therefore, is expected to arouse controversy.

**Open your eyes! Look around!**  
There are the stories of the workers' struggles around you begging to be written up. Do it! Send it in! Write as you fight!



## ATHEISTS PLAN LEGAL FIGHT ON ECCLESIASTICS

### Quote Washington as Aid to Campaign

NEW YORK, April 9.—The organized atheists of the country are planning a series of legal attacks upon ecclesiasticism, according to a statement issued today by Charles Smith, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, Inc., with national headquarters at 49 Vesey street. A fund of \$100,000 is being raised among atheists for the purpose of instituting several legal actions and spreading propaganda in the colleges.

"Our suit to remove the chaplains from the houses of Congress and the army and navy is but the first move of a campaign to cleanse government of religion," Smith said. "We are now preparing for our second suit and will file it shortly after a decision is handed down in the present case."

### U. S. No Christian Nation

"We chose to bring action to remove the chaplains from the federal payroll first because it seems to us that their employment is clearly illegal."

We consider that payment of public moneys to priests and propagandists of creeds is plainly a perversion of public funds. Christianity would rise in arms if an atheist were made chaplain of the senate or the house. Who can conceive of a Mohammedan as a chaplain on one of our navy craft? We must keep in mind what George Washington said: "The United States is not a Christian nation any more than it is a Jewish or Mohammedan nation."

"We are raising \$100,000 for the purpose of instituting legal actions throughout the United States. Our association will bring suit in Oak Park, Illinois, before the close of the present term to restrain the school board of that city from dismissing school children for religious instruction during school hours. Our attorney in Chicago, Richard J. Cooney, is prepared to test the week-day religious issue in the supreme court of Illinois and secure a final decision in the matter," he continued.

**Organizing the Students.**  
A portion of the fund being raised will be devoted to our work in the colleges. The students, with the aid of members of the faculties, will conduct branches. The names of the officers of the branches at Yale and the University of Kansas will be announced within a few days. We have encouraged and are standing behind the suits brought by members of our Damned Souls branch at the University of Rochester against Clinton N. Howard, who used slanderous language in condemning the students from a Rochester pulpit. From now on Christianity must behave itself," Smith concluded.

### Affairs for Russian Schools to be Given at Workers' House

A Russian vecherinka, concert and dance will be given by the Wicker Park Russian Children's School, to-night (Saturday) at the Workers' House, 1902 W. Division St. The children of the school will participate in the program.

Tickets in advance 35 cents, at the door 50 cents. Beginning at 8 p. m.

A performance and dance will be given tomorrow (Sunday) at the Workers' House, 1902 W. Division St. for the benefit of a children's school in the village of Suchojeny, Soviet Russia. The school has been built up by money supplied by a group of Russian living now in Chicago.

Beginning at 4:30 p. m. Admission 50 cents.

## 2-DAY SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11

### Look at This!

Entertainment and  
Dancing on  
Saturday Night

beginning at 8 p. m.

Dancing All  
Sunday Afternoon  
to good music from 2:30  
to 6 p. m.

All at

Imperial Hall, 2409 N. Halsted Street

All this for the benefit of the Young Workers' Summer School Session of the Chicago District.

Under the auspices of the International Women's Section of District No. 8.

Tickets 40c in Advance

50c at the Door

## A. F. of L. Chief for Beer and Wine

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and the poor man gets arrested if somebody hands him a bottle."

Enforcement conditions are "terrible," McSorley asserted. "Why, district attorneys are calling in justices of the peace and making them resign."

"What for?" asked Reed.

"For co-operating with enforcement officers and shaking down bootleggers," said McSorley. "They are doing it right now in Cuyahoga county, Ohio."

"I think 90 per cent of the workers would be satisfied with a glass of beer and only 10 per cent would try to get something stronger," McSorley said. "It would turn him away from raising jack, moonshine and stop the making of home brew in the homes of workers, which is nothing but a lot of sour slop."

### Brennan Gets Election Issue

George E. Brennan, the rotund democratic "boss" of Chicago, who has had a hand in the making and breaking of many political candidates, from presidential to aldermanic, and who is himself a candidate for the senate this year, told democratic leaders at the capitol that the issue of prohibition is in politics to stay, and that they might as well prepare to meet it in 1928.

"I don't see how it can be kept out of politics," he said. "Anything that affects the thoughts and the daily lives of millions of people, anything that is breeding the army of criminals that this law is, anything that is the major topic of conversation wherever and whenever people gather, irrespective of their social status, is bound to be in politics. There's no use shutting our eyes to facts."

### Astounding Figures

"That was an astounding set of figures we submitted to the senate committee. They showed an increase of 670 per cent in alcoholic deaths in Chicago since prohibition, an increase of 704 per cent in arrests for 'gin driving,' an increase of 140 per cent in commitments to institutions for insanity. What is true of Chicago is true of other cities, in larger or less degree."

### Ward Boss Talks Debauchery

"But even that is not the worst of present-day conditions. The tragic part of it is what prohibition is doing to the young folks of this country. It is a trite thing to say that youth is being debauched, and yet there is scarcely any other way to describe present conditions."

### "Brennan and Booze" Slogan

"I am going to the people of Illinois on this issue. It's my biggest issue, and it's the country's biggest issue, whenever we will admit it."

"Let the republicans fight over the world court if they want to. They can talk to court to the people. I'm going to talk of present-day conditions, and the remedy for them as I see it. That's my platform in a nutshell. And I think the results in November are going to surprise a lot of people, including some in Washington."

### Dry Endorse Republicans

The issue became more clean-cut in Illinois even while Brennan was in Washington as the Anti-Saloon League endorsed both republican candidates for the Illinois senatorial nomination, Senator Wm. B. McKinley and Col. Frank L. Smith.

**Whiskey Versus Beer.**  
"Do you believe that if they could get beer and light wines, it would bring greater sobriety and better morals among the workers?"

"Absolutely," the witness said. "I know hundreds of workers who never drank whiskey until prohibition and if they get a bottle now, they won't leave a room until the bottle is empty. If they had beer, they wouldn't drink whiskey."

### Andy Adds a Word

Andrew Furuseth, president of the Seamen's International Union, also urged modification of the dry law.

I am against men who want to im-

prove the morals of the people by statute and not by example," said Furuseth. "It became a staunch advocate of the Volstead act when I saw its effects in the first three months after the law was passed. Then the seamen couldn't get anything to drink. Now they can get all they want and the story is different."

James O'Connell, president of the Metal Trades department of the federation, made the same plea. He said he was "strongly opposed to the return of the saloon."

### If You Have the Price

"The great question is whether the present law is being carried into effect and doing what it was predicted it would do," said O'Connell. "My observation is that it is not—far from it. It is being openly and flagrantly violated in every walk of life."

"The trouble is that if you have the price, you can get anything you want to drink—even in saloons, not so-called nowadays."

"My observation is that the law cannot be enforced. The present state of affairs must be improved upon or it will result in chaos."

### Like Smoking Cigarettes

"You can't stop women smoking cigarettes any more than you can fly. That's the trouble with this law. The people will not obey it and you cannot enforce it, no matter what you spend on enforcement."

### New Jersey "Agin"

John P. Frey, president of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, said he appeared before the committee "because Ohio is the center of the anti-saloon league movement." Henry F. Hillers, secretary of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor, declared prohibition could not be enforced, had increased crime and disorder for all law and caused men "who never drank hard liquor before to become drunkards." He urged beer and light wines.

Hillers said New Jersey has had "five referendums on the prohibition question." The state has elected three democratic governors, one democratic senator and one republican senator in the wet issue, he said.

"I think the committee will take judicial notice of the fact that New Jersey is against the amendment," replied Walsh.

The committee then adjourned until tomorrow.

## Form 24-Hour Picket Line in Passaic Strike

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Textile Workers. This is the second such expression of solidarity from abroad. A similar message was received from the Textile Workers Union of Russia.

The cablegram reads: "Representing fifteen million trade unionists rallying to you we express fraternal sympathy for the heroic fight of Passaic workers. The Berlin headquarters of the International Workers Aid declare solidarity, and admiration for resistance against gas warfare and police atrocities of the textile capital. Long live international trade union unity. Long live international workers' solidarity.—(Signed by) Fimmen, Ledebour, Zetkin, Kamenewa, Barbusse, Tommann and Muenzenberg."

### Form Many Conferences

The twentieth city conference to be organized for the relief of the Passaic textile strikers was formed recently in St. Louis and has already held a tag day in that city.

The tag day held by the Newark conference recently netted more than \$2,000 for relief.

All over the United States workers indignant at the ill-treatment accorded the textile strikers of Passaic in their fight for a decent wage and a union, are expressing their sympathy and feeling of solidarity in an organized way. The conferences formed so far include the cities of Minneapolis, Buffalo, Baltimore, Utica, New York, Lawrence, Mass., New Haven, Conn., Maynard, Mass., Allentown, Pa., Detroit, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Ohio, Springfield, Mass., Elizabeth, N. J., Newark, N. J., Hartford, Conn., Boston, Mass., Perth Amboy, N. J., Paterson, N. J.

### Workers Back Relief

The conferences are composed of delegates from trade unions, of all kinds of workers' societies of local units of the Young Workers (Communist) League, the International Labor Defense, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Socialist Party, and other similar organizations.

A mass meeting was held in Chicago by the International Workers' Aid and the novel admission of a can of food-stuffs or fifteen cents was charged.

### Union Aid 100 Families

One hundred strikers' families will be cared for by the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers and the Trades Union Labor Council of Passaic, by arrangement with the General Relief Committee. Delegates from these two organizations expressed the desire of their groups to give aid in this manner and a hundred families needing relief will be turned over to them by the General Relief Committee at once. The Finnish Cooperative Bakery of Brooklyn donated a truckload of bread which was distributed to the relief stores.

If you want to thoroughly understand Communism—study it. Send for a catalogue of all Communist literature.

## APPOINTMENT OF THOMPSON MEETS WITH OPPOSITION

### Coolidge Is Questioned as to His Rights

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, April 9.—President Coolidge's right to appoint Carmel Thompson of Cleveland as a special commissioner to investigate conditions in the Philippines was challenged in the senate today by Sen. King, (D) of Utah.

"It is the exclusive right of congress to determine the Philippine policy," said King. He introduced a resolution calling upon the treasury to give the total of expense money to be allowed Thompson for the inquiry.

### Aguinaldo Defends Wood

MANILA, P. I., April 9.—In reply to criticisms by Manuel Quezon, president of the insular senate, for his failure to line up the veterans of the Philippine revolutions against Governor General Wood, Emilio Aguinaldo, former insurrectionary leader, has issued a public statement attempting to justify his equivocal position on the independence question. He tried to defend Wood from the charge of being against the independence movement and says that the only difference between the governor general and the Filipinos is "as to time, which," he asserts, "is only a detail." In other words, whether independence comes now or a thousand years from now is only "a detail!"

### Suspicious Actions

Aguinaldo has lost prestige greatly with the natives who he still has a following. Leaders of the independence movement recall many suspicious incidents in his past career, casting grave doubt on his sincerity. These go back to the time preceding the Spanish-American war when the insurrection under his leadership against the Spanish was settled by a number of promises which were never carried out and Aguinaldo admittedly received a large sum on condition that he would leave the islands.

### U. S. Aid

At the outbreak of the war between the United States and Spain he was in Singapore. At the request of the American consul, Admiral Dewey, in charge of the fleet operating against Spain in the Far East, arranged to take him aboard to Manila. In conjunction with the United States military forces he organized the Philippines army, afterwards carrying on the struggle against the American occupation. Upon his defeat, he was held captive until the peace terms were settled. Later he was released.

### Now Wealthy

He is now a wealthy planter. His economic interests have allied him with the Americans and he has been a consistent supporter of governor General Wood from the beginning of the latter's struggle against the nationalist movement. It has been his tactics so far as possible to avoid publicly committing himself but Quezon's attack forced him into the open.

## Rich Man Raped Negro Child and He Still Lives

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To intervene, at once suspended the criminal trial, impelled a lunacy jury, and after a short session, instructed it to find the young man insane. This done, he ordered the prisoner to be confined in the Eastern State Hospital for the Insane. In order to make this appear a fair procedure, the attorney for Merohant objected and his plea was overruled. The state's attorney asserts that the young man will be tried on the assault charge again upon his release if he recovers from his "mental affliction." Old-timers, however, smile and predict that it will not be long before he is released and nothing more heard of the case.

### Contrast to Negro Trial

The whole affair is a striking contrast to what occurred in the trial of a Negro only a few weeks ago on the charge of assaulting an adult white woman. He was found guilty with only the formality of a trial and executed almost as quickly. Had he dared to put up an "insanity" defense it would have been brushed aside without the form even of a hearing. Great is the blink of "equality" before the law when it comes to questions involving color or working class rights!

## Big British Mine Strike Due May Day

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ference at Battersea calling for the formation of local councils of action and workers' defense corps against the O. M. S. is being responded to throughout the nation. Almost a million workers were represented at the conference.

The Sunday Worker, organ of the left wing trade unions, has asked for the formation of emergency distribution groups to maintain the circulation of the paper during the coming strike. The journal has a circulation well over 100,000.

Five thousand new subs in three weeks is a big job—but it can be done with your help. Send a sub.

## Schwab Talks Prosperity But New Jersey Steel Workers Declare Strike

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL

CHARLES M. SCHWAB, powerful steel magnate, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, declares he is "an optimist on the business outlook." That is a warning to labor.

When Schwab gets optimistic that means that he sees new opportunities for blood-letting in the business of taking increased profits from the toll of the working class. It is significant that every reason that Schwab advances for an optimistic business outlook is in favor of the exploiters' side of the ledger. He admits nothing to the advantage of labor. It is worth while to summarize some of these "reasons" for optimism. They are:

FIRST: Because the American people as a whole are hard at work producing new wealth at an amazing speed.

SECOND: Because nature promises a year of bountiful crops on top of the enormous agricultural productivity of last year.

THIRD: Because the wage earners are working in a spirit of greater peace with their employers than I have known in 25 years.

FOURTH: Because the government of the United States, under the leadership of the president, stands for a policy of sanity, conservatism and progress.

There is much more. Schwab compliments business for not indulging in "speculative expansion," he is happy over the excellent "transportation service" provided, glories in the operation of "our banking laws" and "credit facilities."

The most backward worker should be able to see thru Schwab's optimism. When labor produces more that does not prove that labor is benefitted. The mill slaves of Passaic, N. J., produced \$5,000,000 in profits for the parasite stockholders of the Botany Worsted Mills on an invested capital of \$28,000,000. But they had to come out on strike in order to fight a 10 per cent wage cut. Schwab should try to tell workers how they can increase their purchasing power when wages are cut in the face of mounting prices. He can't do it.

Neither can he convince the farmers that "bountiful crops" mean "prosperity" for them. There were good crops last year in large sections of the country, but with low prices, large numbers of farmers are bankrupt or facing bankruptcy in many sections of the country, and congress is confronted with an agricultural crisis it does not even dare attempt to solve. What is true of the grain farmers also holds true of cotton growers, fruit raisers and other tillers of the land.

Workers are not benefitted when they indulge in the phantasy of "greater peace with their employers." While they paralyze their own struggle for better conditions, the employers are as active as ever in improving their own favorable position. The fact that Schwab glories in class-collaboration and its benefits for the employing interests should be warning enough for all labor, especially the shopmen on the railroads being enslaved under the "Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Plan" to struggle against all these "class peace" schemes.

The steel workers are now in convention at Pittsburgh. The "optimistic" pronouncements of the steel kaiser, Schwab, could not have been timed better in aid of the reactionary officialdom that loves so much to bask in the sunshine of the employers' favors. Schwab says he has not known such unchallenged liberty in 25 years to exploit and rob the workers, as he now enjoys. That is surely a signal for struggle to the delegates of the steel workers now assembled in the capital city of Pennsylvania's steel and coal empire.

Labor in the steel mills must listen to the call of the left wing to organize the industry and build the militant power of America's steel workers. The present officialdom crawls backwards. Instead of vitalizing the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor, they want to withdraw from it. The steel workers' officials, as much as any, are responsible for the failure of the metal trades department to push its proposed organization drive in the automobile industry.

Schwab talks "prosperity" and the workers strike 100 per cent in the plant of the Crucible Steel Company of New Jersey. This is the best possible reply that could be made to Schwab's bunk. What are the steel workers of the nation, and the working class generally, going to do about it?

## Railroads Refuse Clerks Pittance of \$7.24 Monthly Raise

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ceding year was \$24,085,647. The increase in net operating income was the largest reported by any railroad in the country.

### Huge Profits

After providing for a 6 per cent dividend on the \$50 par stock, and setting aside large sums for sinking fund and other reserved fund appropriations and expenditures on leased lines and affiliated companies a surplus of \$25,892,985 was transferred to the profit and loss account. And yet the Pennsylvania railroad pleads its inability to pay a few thousand clerks about a hundred dollars a year increase in wages to make up the increased cost of living since 1921!

### Increased Exploitation

General W. W. Atterbury, the "tin horn" military commander who acts as president of the system, and who is a bitter enemy of unions on the railroads, boasts in the report that the huge profits were obtained by the increased efficiency of operation, pointing out that the ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues has dropped from 87.8 per cent in 1921 to 78.43 per cent in 1925. Notwithstanding a reduction of \$5,137,917 in transportation expenses last year, there was a large gain in the volume of traffic handled.

Millions Added to Equipment.  
The amounts spent on the physical improvement of the road in 1925 were all taken out of the earnings. As these amounts ran into the millions, they should be taken into account in determining the profits made. These

\$25,892,985 was spent on the improvements of its own lines and \$21,000,000 on the lines of its leased units. The report states that the railroad is owned by 140,578 stockholders "residing in every state of the Union and nearly all foreign countries." Whether the heirs of the former Russian Czar and those of men close to former Emperor Wilhelm are still big stockholders the report does not disclose.

### Notorious Scabby Road

The Pennsylvania is one of the most notorious scabby railroads in the whole country. Atterbury, its president, is one of our most distinguished open shop advocates. It has contracts with the Brotherhoods but took an active and leading part in breaking the shopmen's strike. The engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen, as on the other roads in the United States, stayed on duty while their brothers were being crushed.

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## SKILLED STEEL WORKERS FRETTED BY NEW MACHINE

### Convention Hears Boss' Representative

By ANDREW OVERGAARD.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 9.—Today's session of the convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers appointed the delegates representing the sheet and tin division as a committee to consider the wage scale in connection with the new patent doubler which is revolutionizing the steel industry and fast reducing the skilled workers to common labor. Mike Tighe, of course, exposed his bankruptcy of leadership and failed to have any recommendations to meet this condition.

### Green's Regrets

The convention received a letter of regret from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, that he could not attend the convention due to very pressing engagements. The body was addressed by a Mr. Patterson, representing the sheet steel extension organization on the importance of extending the use of sheet steel, asking the co-operation of the union. Mr. Patterson represented the independent bosses' organization that is being hard pressed by the U. S. Steel corporation.

### Continue Secrecy

Mike Tighe seems to be anxious to have all kinds of peddlers of class-collaboration appear before the convention. At the same time the official policy is to keep the convention proceedings secret from the labor movement as much as possible.

The committee on officers' reports has not yet reported. It is expected to appear tomorrow. The discussion on the reports will no doubt show the real strength of the progressive and reactionary forces in the convention which have so far not manifested themselves to any great degree.

## Women to Hold Spring Festival on Saturday and Sunday

Altho the ground may be covered with snow, Saturday April 10 and Sunday, April 11, Chicago is going to have spring. For the women of the district are holding a spring festival lasting for the two days of Saturday and Sunday.

Imperial Hall, at 2409 North Halsted street where the two day festivities are to be held has already been turned into a place of flowers and spring. There will be an entertainment on Saturday night starting at eight o'clock and followed by dancing to the imported Wauegan orchestra.

On Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until six there will be continuous dancing. On Sunday night there will be an entirely new and different program followed again by dancing.

Tickets are only fifty cents at the door, and forty cents in advance. All wanting a splendid time should come for the week-end. All proceeds go to the support of a Young Worker Summer School session to be held in this district.

## "Big Tim" Murphy Speaks to Gas Workers

"Big Tim" Murphy in a two-hour speech at the Musicians' Hall to the members of the Gas Workers' Union told them how grateful he was for their having elected him repeatedly to the presidency of the union while he was in Leavenworth prison. Murphy was sent to jail for participating in the Dearborn street station mail robbery.

The American Worker Correspondent is out!

## SECTION 3 HOLDS DANCE TODAY TO RAISE FUNDS TO ISSUE SHOP BULLETIN

Section 3, Chicago, of the Workers (Communist) Party, will hold a dance and get-acquainted party at the Vilnis Hall, 3116 South Halsted St., on Saturday night, April 10. Admission is 50 cents.

This section intends to put out a shop bulletin in the Stockyards. The proceeds of the dance will be used to put out the shop bulletin.



## PASSAIC POLICE HIDE IDENTITY DURING ATTACK

### Cover Up Badges When Assaulting Strikers

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
PASSAIC, N. J., April 9.—The rioting police of Passaic have adopted new tactics with which they hope to fool the picket lines. They are trying to hide their identity.

Before they rushed to attack the peaceful pickets before the Gera mill one day this week, they removed their badges from caps and coats or covered them before they began their vicious club swinging. As if obeying orders, they put the badges with the numbers by which they could be identified, into their pockets and began their brutal attack.

**Police Molest Pickets.**  
The police forbade the picket line to pass the Gera mill when it marched there from the Botany mill in the early morning. The line was directed to march over the Eighth street bridge into Wallington. This it did, but in Wallington, meeting another picket line from the Forstmann-Huffman plant, and the Gera line, which had likewise been forbidden to picket, it turned back.

On the Eighth street bridge the police ordered the line, now more than a thousand in number, to disperse, and without further ceremony, removed or covered their badges and began clubbing. Eleven strikers were arrested and taken to the station, bruised and bleeding.

### Calls For Widespread Protest.

Organizer Weisbord called upon all organizations "that claim a monopoly on patriotism" to protest the action of the police. His statement follows: "We understand that in the clubbing and other outrages by the police that took place this morning in front of the Gera mill that the police, knowing that their actions were illegal and feeling that should the truth become known, many American and patriotic organizations would prosecute them individually and collectively for their trampling underfoot the constitutional rights guaranteed to the people, covered up or took off their badges so that their victims could not get their numbers, and so that they could later lie in court and state that they were not participants in the bloody outrages that occur in Passaic now so often."

### 'Patriots' Remain Silent.

"It seems strange that the American Legion, that organization that seems to claim for itself all of the patriotism that exists in this country has no word to say and takes no action in regard to the cowardly brutalities perpetrated by the police and ordered by the officials of this city. Our 100 per cent Americans evidently believe that the workers of this city deserve the treatment that only cars and despots would give. We call upon all organizations that are truly patriotic to act so as to compel these police to expose themselves and would bring them behind the jail bars where they deserve to be."

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## ILLINOIS PRE-PRIMARY JABS

JOSEPH A. SAVAGE, right-hand man of union-smasher, Robert E. Crowe and the one who attempted to implicate the Milk Drivers' and Barbers' Unions in the "bomb trust" engineered and financed by Chicago business men's and employers' associations, has now received the endorsement of the Chicago Furriers' Association and the Chicago Jewelers' Association. The Chicago Wage Earners' League, formed by a few labor union leaders, that are about that Savage is a "friend of labor" endorsed this union-smasher. Savage is a tool of the bosses and will always remain one. Many of the most vicious open-shop associations are behind Savage.

**JAMES A. PATTEN**, millionaire wheat king, and member of the Chicago board of trade is boosting for the election of Savage and the other members of the union-smashing Crowe-Barrett-Thompson faction in the republican primaries April 13.

### Veterans Resist Inuit.

**WAR** veterans at the Speedway hospital have issued a second endorsement of Senator William B. McKinley, Illinois traction magnate and tool of the Morgan interests. The veterans resent the charge made by Frank L. Smith, who is supported by the union-smashing Crowe-Barrett-Thompson alliance, that the first endorsement of McKinley had been obtained from "mental irresponsibles in the psychopathic ward." Evidently they are anxious to get into another Morgan's war.

### McKinley Seeks to Bluff Negro.

**THE** Coolidge administration is giving Senator William B. McKinley all of the possible aid it can to gain the nomination in the republican party primaries. Walker L. Cohen, Negro controller of the post of New Orleans who was appointed by Coolidge, has arrived in Chicago and is working among the Negro population for McKinley. An attempt is being made to get the Negro to line up with McKinley on the grounds that he introduced the Dyer-McKinley bill against lynching.

Dyer in a speech in one of the downstate cities, following the defeat of his measure, accused McKinley of killing the bill when it was first up in the senate by absenting himself when

## 'NERVOUS NELL' KELLOGG MAY BAR EUGENE V. DEBS FROM ENTRY TO AMERICA

Fears are openly expressed in many circles that attempts will be made by the state department to bar Eugene Victor Debs from entry into the United States when he tries to return to the United States after a vacation in Bermuda. Debs was allowed to enter Bermuda on the promise that he would not make any speeches or carry on any agitation on the island.

Debs' citizenship was taken from him and as he is not a "legal American citizen," "Nervous Nell" Kellogg of the state department will try to bar his entry to the United States.

## George Bernard Shaw Loans Borough Council \$150,000 for Housing

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
LONDON, April 9.—George Bernard Shaw has loaned the borough council of Easington, a crowded mining district, approximately \$150,000 at 5 per cent interest for carrying out a housing program.

**Catholic Congress Chartered.**  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 9.—The International Eucharistic Congress, with offices in Cathedral Square, Chicago, today was granted a charter by the secretary of state to operate and promote the eucharistic congress to be held in Chicago in June, under the auspices of the Roman Catholic church. The charter is needed for the raising of sufficient funds to stage the holy show.

the vote was taken. McKinley reintroduced the measure in an attempt to get the Negro voter to line up with him and send him back to the senate. When McKinley returns the Negro will find that McKinley will do the same to the bill he introduced as he did the first time. When the bill comes up, if it ever does, he will see to it the bill will be defeated. No attempts were made by McKinley to bring the bill out of committee for this session. He wanted to use the bill as a vote getter for the Coolidge machine and nothing more.

**Crowe Pulls For Smith.**  
CROWE - BARRETT - THOMPSON ward heels have been told to throw their full support behind Smith. They were told by the heads that they could not be for McKinley and against Deneen and Lundin.

**JUST** 1,050,276 voters are eligible to cast ballots in the coming elections, declare election officials. The number eligible to cast ballots is 14,619 less than in the presidential election on November, 1924.

### Stay Away From Primaries!

**WORKERS** should stay away from the primaries April 13. Both the Crowe-Barrett-Thompson and the Deneen-McKinley-Lundin faction in the open-shop republican party are avowed enemies of the organized workers. The candidates on the tickets of these factions are pledged to carry out the program of big business. Both will serve the bosses faithfully. Injunctions, police slugs, terrorism of union workers by the courts, police and other agencies of the government will be prevalent regardless which faction wins.

What is true of the republicans is also true of the democrats. Both the Brennan and the Dunne-Harrison-O'Connell factions in the democrat party will serve the bosses. The worker can gain nothing in these primaries.

Organized workers should stay away from the primaries of the two capitalist parties and carry on a fight in their unions for the launching of a united labor ticket in the fall elections as the first step toward the formation of a Labor Party.

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## THOMPSON USES RATS TO SLAM FORMER BUDDIES

### Ex-Mayor Denounces Pals of Other Days

Former Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago at one of the noon-day meetings at the Cort Theater pulled out a theatrical stunt on two of his former colleagues that are now opposing his machine in the April 13 primaries. He brought two cages onto the stage. Each cage contained a large-sized rat. Placing one rat on one end of the table, he named it Fred Lundin. Then he placed the other rat at the other end of the table and named it "Doc" John Dill Robertson.

In speaking to the rat he had dubbed Lundin he brought out that he had been Lundin's best friend and pal and that during the Chicago school graft case Thompson had rushed all the way from Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, to Chicago at the urgent plea of Lundin and told the "bronco story" to the jury that caused Lundin to be acquitted. While denouncing Lundin, Thompson exposed himself as being no better than Lundin.

After calling Lundin all the names he could think of for joining Deneen forces against the Crowe-Barrett-Thompson machine, he launched into an attack on "Doc." He pointed out that the Chicago had protested against the appointment of John Dill Robertson as health commissioner, declaring that with the health of the city in the hands of an incompetent such as "Doc" the hundreds of babies would die and that Chicago's health would suffer, he had appointed this incompetent. "I did this to pay a political debt," declared Thompson.

Thompson, in his attempt to denounce his former pals and his present opponents, showed he was no better than the ones he had denounced.

## Ford Family Has Profit of \$14,000,000 in 1925

The Ford Motor company balance sheet for 1925 shows profits equivalent to \$547.71 a share, or a total division of income among stockholders of \$14,670,000. The sole holders of Ford stock are Henry Ford, his wife and their son, Edsel.

The Ford plants turned out 2,109,578 cars, trucks and tractors last year. 136,461 of these were produced in foreign works.

## HONOR ROLL OF WORKERS AIDING PRESS

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## 'OLD GUARD' RUSHES AID TO SEN. MCKINLEY

### Coolidge Fears Defeat in Illinois Primaries

The Coolidge administration forces are becoming more and more worried as the Illinois primaries on April 13 draw nearer. They fear that the staunch supporters of the Coolidge machine and the most service lacking of Wall Street, Senator William B. McKinley, will be defeated in the open-shop republican party primaries.

**Illinois Primaries First.**  
Senatorial elections will be held in twenty-seven states. The primaries of Illinois are held in April. The primaries of the other twenty-six states will be held in September. The Coolidge forces fear a defeat in Illinois, as it will throw a panic into the ranks of their machine supporters and result in a defeat of many that followed the election of the Morgan banking interests and voted the United States into the permanent court for international "justice" of the league of nations.

**Deneen Rushes Support.**  
Senator Deneen, one of the staunch supporters of the Coolidge machine, is rushing to Chicago in a last hour attempt to save the political hide of William B. McKinley and to stave off the defeat that threatens the Coolidge machine. One of the first acts of Deneen will be to instruct the Deneen-Lundin forces in the various Chicago wards to line up behind McKinley and work for his nomination. One of the districts is expected to kick the traces and refuse to follow the mandate of Deneen. That is the 10th ward in South Chicago, where P. J. Moynihan, the Deneen-Lundin captain and a member of Dyer, Small's state commerce commission, is active in the support of Smith.

**"Labor" Endorses Union-Smasher's Candidate.**

"Labor," official publication of the four brotherhoods and the railway shop crafts unions, in its latest edition prints a cartoon on the front page of a big fat general labeled Wall Street shouting "Tenshun," while McKinley, Paul and a small teapot on the end of a pole, Daugherty, Smoot, Dawes and Newberry are toiling a heavy line with a big fat standard-bearer bearing the banner "Old Guard." It also goes into the labor record of McKinley, which is as black as that of any of the open-shop republican party. "Labor" endorses Frank L. Smith, a candidate on the open-shop republican party and supported in Cook county by the union-smashing Robert E. Crowe-Charles V. Barrett-William Hale Thompson alliance faction.

**Labor-Haters Support Smith.**  
McKinley is dividing his time between Chicago and downtown cities in the last few days of the primary campaign. Smith is spending his time addressing noon-day meetings in Chicago. Smith has spoken at many meetings arranged by the Crowe-Barrett-Thompson machine. The the Crowe-Barrett-Thompson faction has not endorsed either McKinley or Smith, it is well understood that Smith is the one who is to get the votes of this faction in the coming primaries. It is also understood that McKinley is a very unwelcome visitor at the Crowe-Barrett-Thompson headquarters in the Sherman House.

**Raise "Wet" and "Dry" Issue.**  
George E. Brennan's supporters in the democratic party primaries are not conducting a strenuous campaign, as it is expected that the other candidates will poll but a light vote. Brennan is now in Washington attending the hearings on the modification of the Volstead act to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beers.

Brennan declares that if Smith or McKinley are nominated on the republican ticket he will make the "wet" and "dry" issue the big point in the senatorial election campaign.

### Republican Moves to Send Brookhart-Steck Report to Committee

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, April 9.—The Brookhart-Steck Iowa election case took an unexpected turn this afternoon when Senator Bingham, republican, of Connecticut, one of the supporters of Senator Smith W. Brookhart, republican incumbent, moved to recommend the contest to the election committee. Bingham declared the committee, in making its ten-to-one majority report recommended the seating of Daniel F. Steck, democrat, had failed to take into consideration the election laws of Iowa.

Puzzled by Maneuver.  
Observers were puzzled by the maneuver because, if the Brookhart supporters had sufficient strength to pass this motion, they could likewise command enough votes to seat Brookhart. "It was an amazing contention when Senator Ernst, chairman of the committee, stated flatly that the committee was 'its own judge, does not have to follow the laws of Iowa, has not done so and has made no attempt to do so,'" Bingham said.

Senator Reed, democrat, of Pennsylvania, supported Bingham's motion.

## NON-UNION MELLON PITTSBURGH COAL COMPANY MINERS STRIKE

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press.

"Pity the poor coal barons," reads a Wall Street Journal headline introducing editorial comment on the annual report of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. But labor will see in the report evidence of how the Mellon brothers have fiddled in the attempt to put their big coal company into the nonunion column.

Just a year ago Secy. Mellon and his brother put a dummy president in charge with orders to fight the union. On April 1 1925 the Federated Press carried the story that Pittsburgh Coal had locked out its miners. In a little over a month it tried to operate mines on the 1917 wage scale. But after nearly a year this big ally of the steel trust has not succeeded in bringing production to one sixth of normal.

**Scabs Eat Up Profits.**  
What little production they obtained was secured only by hiring so many armed guards that the extra cost of scabs has pretty much cancelled the 45c a ton cut in wages. According to Black Diamond, leading journal of the industry, the independent operators have hesitated to follow Pittsburgh Coal, "influenced by the fact that the operation was costly on account of the expense of gathering men together and the expense of deputies, while even without any unusual expense the difference in wages between the November 1917 scale and the union scale makes up for the low price at which the coal must be sold on account of nonunion competition."

Pittsburgh Coal produced only 4,394,579 tons of coal in 1925 against a normal production running as high as 20,000,000 tons. A large part of the

1925 production was in the first quarter while the company was still union. On the financial side the report shows a loss of \$1,266,940 or 29c a ton. In 1924, the last full year of union operation, there was a net profit of \$251,585 or 3c a ton on a production of 9,070,873.

**Company Union Strikes.**  
The fizzle of Mellon nonunion operations is rendered even more obvious by the recent strike of the Federated Miners union, an organization which the company allowed to be organized among the scabs. The strike was precipitated by the company's refusal to return to the Jacksonville union scale. The union officials have advised their Federated members to join the United Mine Workers.

Pittsburgh Coal entered the fight with a \$78,000,000 surplus accumulated out of the excess profits of past years. This exceeds the combined value of preferred and common stock. According to The Wall Street Journal, "the balance sheet of Dec. 31 1925 showed a sufficiently strong cash position to withstand a long siege of unprofitable operations and to continue preferred dividends."

Such staying power in the hands of the owners may enable them to starve the miners out. But the fact that 12 months has brought such insignificant results proves the union spirit of the miners. This will assure the success of the reorganization campaign to follow.

Latest reports indicate that the United Mine Workers, with the anthracite strike off its hands, is about to turn its batteries against Pittsburgh Coal.

## SHUTDOWNS HIT COALDIGGERS IN KANSAS MINES

### Miners Stage March on Non-Union Field

Kansas coal mines are hit by the flood of shutdowns that is covering the nation's union fields, says Alexander Howat, former Kansas district president and long a national figure in the United Mine Workers.

**Most Mines Union.**  
"Most Kansas mines are union," declared Howat, "but a number of the strip mines that Gov. Allen tried to operate with college boys some years ago and a few other operations are open-shop. We fixed up an old time miners' march and showed the scab operators that the union means business. The sheriff followed our flivvers and finally took us on charges of conspiracy, intimidation and unlawful assembly. We are out on bail and the cases will come up in a Grand."

"Some of the non-union pits were on a Kansas border so we would work on a Kansas operator until the sheriff hove in sight. Then we'd crank the Ford and hop across the line to reason with the Missouri operators. The western strip of Missouri is District No. 14 of the United Mine Workers of America along with the whole of Kansas. Then we'd circle around and before the Kansas sheriff knew it, we tried our tricks on another Kansas operator. But finally the cops got us."

About 16 per cent of the union mines are working fairly steady with a large part of their output contracted for by the Missouri Pacific and other railroads. The rest of the mines are glad to have one or two days work a week.

"It's the worst situation all thru the country that the miners have been on since the union was organized," Howat says.

A settlement with the operators has been reached by the Kansas union on machine mining. The rate is 90 cents a ton for machine production compared with \$1.25 for regular hand mining. Howat does not think the machines will be a large factor in the Kansas field because of the irregularity of the coal seams.

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## COOLIDGE TELLS BAREFACED LIES ABOUT U. S. PRESS

### Repeats the Fiction About "Free Press"

WASHINGTON, April 9.—"The public press of this country is absolutely independent," was one of the bits of wisdom uttered by President Coolidge in his address this afternoon at the laying of the cornerstone of the National Press Club building here.

Smiles wreathed the faces of some of the most "hard-boiled" of the newspaper men when he solemnly laid down the dictum that the press "ought to work in harmony with a great purpose, revealing to the people the progress of the development of a divine power." They recalled the "divine purpose" which Coolidge had so faithfully served when as vice-president of the senate he closed his eyes to the huge oil steals.

True to his conception that legalism creates worth and stability, he asserted that the press was "free because the constitution guarantees its freedom." Consequently he contended that the press should stand "as a supporter of the constitution and the firmest advocate of a reign of law."

"Correctly speaking," he asserted, referring to the conflict between capital and labor, "we have no sections and we have no classes." Perhaps this is why Coolidge refuses to take any action in the Passaic strike.

He wound up his address with an eloquent appeal for resting all our institutions on the foundation of a "reverence for religion." "Our country," he declared, "is a reverent country and our people are a reverent people. . . . The press, he concluded, "must minister to that spirit."

The assembled babbits and prostitutes of capitalist news-gathering and publication loudly applauded Coolidge while secretly damning the directors of the affair for putting such a humdrum lot of balderdash across for them to have to listen to.

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## "Medical" Missionaries in China

Missionaries are the advance agents of imperialism. More than that they are spies and tricksters who resort to every low device in order to gain the confidence of the inhabitants of the lands their capitalist masters desire to exploit. The history of American missionaries in China is a long history of repulsive intrigue and the most debased infamy. Since most of the Chinese forms of religion are far superior to the Christian superstition, the holy advance guard encountered great difficulties in their work. The regular preacher with spiritual salvation as his sole stock in trade did not appeal to the natives of China, as the church hit upon the idea of introducing medicine in the form of religion. Hence missionaries who had enjoyed some training as medical doctors were sent into China with bushels of pills and serums. They wormed their way into the confidence of families of victims of disease and told them that it was the power of the Christian God that cured them. Unable to build churches and enter into competition with Confucianism, these creatures created religious institutions called hospitals and the directors and staff of such institutions called themselves "medical missionaries."

With the rapid penetration of imperialism into China during the past few years, these missionaries exposed their hand more and more as the agents of the enemies of the Chinese people. With money placed at their disposal by agents of American imperialism they could bribe some of the lowest Chinese elements to act as spies. The so-called hospitals became foul nests of espionage against all native Chinese who sympathized with nationalists and anti-imperialist movements.

That the labor unions of China recognize these American hospitals for what they really are is evidenced by the fact that after failing to bring the native "attendants" (spies) out on strike in their drive against foreign institutions they established a blockade and cut off food supplies as well as light and power.

Now the reptile press of the United States is raising a hue and cry over the suppression of these delightful Christian institutions. Intelligent American workers will refuse to get excited over anything that has happened or may happen to these missionaries who use the most insidious methods to establish themselves in China in order to pave the way for the mailed fist to descend with all its frightfulness upon their land.

As Communists we should let the Chinese masses know that they have friends in America who sympathize with them in their struggles against the advance guard of imperialism and who will aid them to the best of our ability. If the Chinese people want a picture of their fate in case the hirelings of the imperialists of the United States have their way they can get it by taking a look at the Philippine Islands under the ferocious despotism of Major General Leonard H. Wood.

## Denies His Ancestry

That distinguished Methodist layman, Mr. Edward Young Clarke of Atlanta, Georgia, former imperial hell-roarer and exalted poo-bah of the Ku Klux Klan, is now seeking other fields of endeavor. Since the graft formerly obtained from the white, nordic, American-born, Protestant, 100 per cent Americans now flows in diminished streams into the headquarters of that organization, Mr. Clarke, being an energetic go-getter, is now devoting his peculiar talents to creating a new organization to be known as "The Supreme Kingdom."

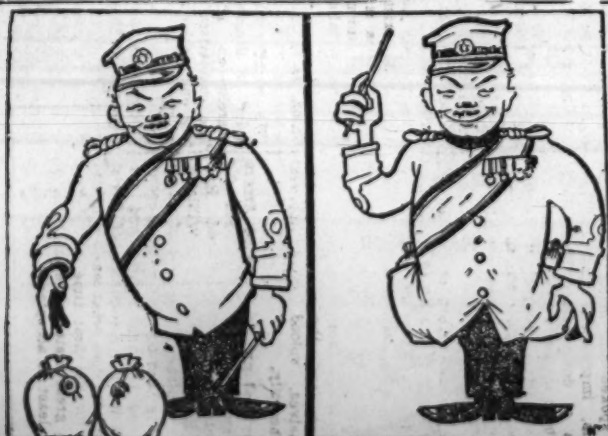
The title of the new venture has a certain flare reminiscent of the religious pathology of Atlanta. Everything in that region is always described in superlative terms. All the discontented grand goblins, imperial wizards, all the pre-eminent, may now rally to the loud bassoon of the all-highest—Mr. Edward Young Clarke, himself—into "The Supreme Kingdom" and do battle with those who dare to insinuate that man did not spring full-blown upon the earth on the sixth day of Jehovah's herculean labors as described in Genesis, after which, as Paul LaFargue says, he established the seventh as a day of rest and has been resting ever since.

The new organization is to fight evolution and, unlike the Klan, it accepts Catholics and Jews and all others who swear their allegiance to the Christian Bible and accept God as the creator of the universe. Evolution is to be combatted in the schools and colleges and the supreme kingdom is to strive to remove all teachers and others who uphold the theories or who are known to believe in evolution. Politically the organization will oppose every politician who opposes its "principles."

There are always enough semi-imbeciles to gain support for such a venture as Mr. Clarke's latest and we presume such creatures may as well spend their time quarreling with their ancestors as anything else. We question whether it will prove to be as fertile a field for graft as was the Koo-koo's.

As to its pretenses to combat evolution, if it has in its ranks any person of even a modicum of intelligence or ability worthy the steel of a revolutionist we would be glad to publicly debate the relative merits of evolution and the genesis story of the Bible. In such a discussion we would not merely explode again the ridiculous tale of creation, which no intelligent person can possibly accept, but would explain the morbid, petty-bourgeois social environment which gives rise to such absurd organizations.

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## UNITED GARMENT WORKERS' UNION OFFICIALS OF PITTSBURGH DO NOT PROTECT THE MEMBERS' INTERESTS

By a Worker Correspondent.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 9.—The first principle of unionism is to try to prevent the bosses from firing workers whenever they please. Does the United Garment Workers' Union of Pittsburgh live up to this principle? No! The bosses fire girls whenever they want to and the reactionary leadership, with the business agent as their spokesman, justify this action. Here are a few facts that will prove the correctness of this statement.

#### Forelady Is Union Official.

A girl was fired from Benne's Shop a few months ago. The shop chair-lady who is the recording secretary of the local and also happens to be forelady in that shop did not take any action to reinstate that girl. When this question came up before the local meeting, the shop chair-lady, who is supposed to protect the workers against the bosses, said, "You are too sassy! If the boss tells you to do something you have to obey whether you like it or not." No action was taken by the local and the girl was not reinstated.

Another case happened last December. Officers in this local are elected once a year. They are nominated in November and elected in December. A rank and file girl member from Goldbloom's shop was nominated for business agent (the only paid office in that local). This met with the opposition of the bosses and the reactionary leadership of the local. Both sides—the bosses and the executive board of the local, united and carried on an energetic campaign against the opponent of the old business agent.

#### Bosses Fight Militant.

One thing must be clear to us workers: that the interests of the bosses and those of the workers are opposed to each other. If a thing is good for the bosses it must be bad for the workers. For example, small wages and long hours are good for the bosses and bad for the workers. High wages and short hours are good for the workers and bad for the bosses.

Now why were the bosses so anxious to elect the old business agent? If you think of how she settles the disputes between the working girls and the bosses, it will be clear to you, why the employers do not want a new business agent, who would fight for the workers. In spite of the fact that the girls were threatened to be fired if they would vote against the old business agent, about 20 per cent cast their votes for the opponent.

To have in their shops workers who are protesting against the bad conditions seemed to be too dangerous to the bosses. They have one way of solving this problem: "fire the trouble makers." The very next day after the election the girl who was nominated for business agent, and another girl were fired.

The case was appealed to the executive board which is empowered to act between the meetings of the local union. Mr. Burkson, a representative of the general office was at that time in Pittsburgh. Did he try to have the girls reinstated? Did the executive board do anything about it? No! They tried to find some excuse to justify the action of the bosses.

#### Cook Up Filmy Charge.

Here is the trick that they played on the girl who had the nerve to run for a business agent in opposition to the reactionary machine, which is supported by the bosses. The worker was suspended from the union on the flimsy charges that she attended a mass meeting which was arranged by the local Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union and the Journeymen Tailors' local, where amalgamation was discussed. This meeting was held some time in August. A few other members of the U. G. W. local were present. Not a word was said about that meeting until the bosses fired this worker.

If it is a crime, for a member of the U. G. W. to attend a mass meeting, why was she not suspended in August, right after that meeting? Why did they wait until December? It is clear. Taking away the right from the worker to attend union meetings also took away her right to appeal to the membership. (The worker was not permitted to fight her case on the floor of the membership meeting of

the local union). In this the executive board worked jointly with the bosses, giving them the free hand to fire whomever they consider undesirable. Having gotten rid of the trouble-makers, they felt safer. A reduction on pants of smaller size was introduced before the agreement expired. The union officials only approved the action of the bosses.

Members of the United Garment Workers, how long will you allow your officials, who are supposed to represent you, to betray you? How long will you allow your officials to take the part of the bosses instead of taking your part. It is about high time that you, the rank and file, unite, become active in the local union, fight for better sanitary conditions, higher wages, shorter hours, and against discrimination.

## "Textile Barons are the Real Crooks"

By J. T. Young Striker.

PASSAIC, N. J.—The conditions in our home are very bad. There are five children and my mother in the family, but no one is working now as we are all on strike. We have to pay three months rent now already and no heat in the winter. The wages are so low in these mills that all the working people have to live in rat holes and have very little to eat and no clothes to wear.

My shoes are so worn out that on a rainy day my feet and stockings get all wet. If we had decent wages and sanitary conditions in the mills my mother would not have to go and slave in the mills and come home at night sick so that she could hardly stand on her feet.

Because of these conditions we went on strike so that we could have a better living and better wages, and also that we could organize not only in Passaic and vicinity but in every other textile center in this country as well. If we win this strike it will mean a victory for the rest of the working class in the country because then we will have control over the bosses in the mill as we will then be organized and also have behind us the backing of all the other unions now organized. That is the reason why the bosses want to get rid of Welsford. They call him a crook and bolshevik but who are the biggest crooks but the bosses who rob the people of their wages and of their right to earn a living?

## Women's Club Raises Funds for Labor Lyceum

By a Worker Correspondent.

DENVER, Colo., April 9.—The Ladies' Educational Club, composed of radical women of Denver, realized a good sum of money from an entertainment and concert given to raise funds for the new labor lyceum building which will be erected soon to house many Denver radical organizations.

One of the special features of the evening was a two-act play, "Trial Marriage." The play was spoken in Jewish. A number of young folks gave a ballet.

## Worker Correspondents! This Is For You!

By a Worker Correspondent.

We, the worker correspondents are sentinels of the proletariat in his struggle with capitalism. Let's justify it. All that's of interest to the workers must be reported immediately. We cannot afford to permit ourselves to consider little things unimportant—everything that happens to a worker is of importance to the working class.

Let us suppose in your shop, A was docked half a day's wages for leaving work at 2 o'clock last Wednesday. He had a fierce headache. Your shopmate, to the left said it was a shame to dock him for he got that headache working all day in a dimly lighted room without windows and very bad air. That would make a good worker correspondence story.

Suppose you learned that the bosses are planning to cut wages by speeding up the workers and throwing some of them out of work? The reactionary union officials know all about this, but are doing nothing. Then it is your duty to write about it and see to it that the paper it appears in gets into the hands of every worker in that shop and every member of your union.

Suppose X was fired for refusing to work overtime. All the workers were indignant about it and said the boss cannot force any worker to work overtime. You should have written about it at once and sent it to the Worker Correspondents' page for THE DAILY WORKER.

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## WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS

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### Young Workers and Foreign-Born Workers

By JACK STACHEL.

OF the 22 million industrial wage workers in the United States, over eleven million are unskilled; over six million are semi-skilled and only less than five million are skilled.

The great bulk of the unskilled and semi-skilled are composed of foreign-born workers, Negro workers, women workers and young workers.

In the basic industries of the country, steel, coal mining, metal mining, rubber, automobiles, oil, packing houses, and textile mills the number of foreign-born alone is about 60 to 85 per cent. If we add to this number the Negroes and the young workers who are native we would have at least 85 per cent of the workers in the industry.

The young workers belong mostly to the unskilled. The young workers enter industry without any training, with the possibility of entering a skilled trade closed to him in most cases, with the union doors barred and he is compelled to become an unskilled worker. In the few crafts where it is still possible for the young worker to get in he is compelled to serve an apprenticeship of from 3 to 5 years.

The young workers are therefore potentially a revolutionary force in industry. They are not in any way a part of the aristocracy of labor in this country, organized in the American Federation of Labor. They are part of the unorganized and the most exploited section of the working class in this country. The young workers are exploited doubly, first as workers and then as young workers. They together with the Negroes, and the great army of foreign-born workers are the unskilled, unorganized workers, that are exploited not only by the capitalists, but at whose expense the small section of the workers of the country, the aristocracy of labor is receiving high wages. The aristocracy of labor is being bribed by the capitalists out of the excess profits made thru the exploitation of the unorganized workers.

The young workers, the foreign-born and the Negro workers are, therefore, the natural allies. They all feel the lash of double exploitation. They are called upon to do the hardest work and receive the smallest wages. In the shops the young workers and the Negroes who speak English are therefore, the leaders of the struggles of the unskilled workers. This can be seen from the fact that in the industrial section, composed of foreign-born and young workers the foreign-born who are the overwhelming majority very often elect young workers as their delegates and officers simply because they can speak English.

## THE YOUNG WORKERS AND THE UNION

"The workers learned their lesson now as every one can see  
The workers know the bosses are their greatest enemy."

THE workers learn the above usually thru fighting against the miserable exploitation of the bosses as did the textile workers of Passaic. With this they also learn that the best way of fighting the bosses is thru a union. For all their bread and butter problems the union is the best agency. The union is a strong weapon against the bosses in the hands of the workers. This the workers easily learn and understand, for the union is the first and most elementary form of organization of the workers.

The young worker, who besides fighting for the demands of all the workers, also fought their special youth problems, also naturally turn first to the union, as to the organization that fights for their interests, and rightly so. The union is the organization of the workers in certain industries, irrespective of age of the worker or of their craft. Unfortunately not all the unions live up to this.

The young workers in joining the union have more to gain than the adult worker. In many instances they also do more for the union than the adult workers. They add enthusiasm, pep, and youthful vitality to the union. They give it a spirit of growth, the lack of which is felt in so many of the old "established" organizations.

The young workers are mostly native born. Most of them attended American schools. In this country where the workers are divided into different nationalities and have different customs the young workers in the union act as a connecting link amongst these workers.

The union on the other hand better the lot of the young workers. It improves their conditions in the home and in the mill. The union gives them leisure time in which to learn and develop. It provides them with schools and with working class teachers. It supplies them with sports and recreation that does not distract their minds from their economic struggle. In fighting for the union the young workers recognize their power—their strength. They learn to become hu-

man beings with self respect. During the struggle they learn of newer and better ways of fighting. Many develop into advanced fighters for the workers—into leaders.

The Young Workers (Communist) League is out to educate and organize the young workers and to tie up their struggles for the specific needs of the young workers in industry with the general struggles of the entire working class. The Young Workers (Communist) League is not a union. The Young Workers' League is a political and educational organization of the militant youth. It carries on agitation and propaganda, among the young workers. It is an educational organization. But it does not educate the workers merely thru books, that is, it is not a cultural organization, but a political educational organization. The Young Workers' League rejects the formula of the social-democrats who say that political action belongs to the party, the economic struggle to the unions and education to the youth. The Young Workers' League is educating the young workers by their participation in all the struggles of the workers. The young workers can receive their necessary training only by participating in the political struggles of the entire working class, by their active participation in the unions supplemented by the study of Marxism and Leninism.

THE Young Workers (Communist) League carries on a fight to organize the young workers of the country into the unions. Thru the left wing in the existing unions the Workers' Party and the Young Workers League carry on a campaign for the organization of the Negro workers, the foreign-born workers and the young workers.

The Young Workers' League like the Workers' Party is out to bring the millions of unorganized into the American Federation of Labor and thru these large masses of unorganized workers to convert the American Federation of Labor from an organization of class collaboration into an organization for the class struggle, so that the American workers advancing thru the organization of a labor party and ever perfecting their economic organizations into strong industrial unions capable of struggling against capitalism will inevitably come to adopt Leninism as their weapon of struggle and learn to free themselves from the present system of exploitation by the establishment of a Communist order of society, thru the dictatorship of the proletariat.

## Trumbull Meet Start N. Y. Anti-Militarist Work

By J. PERILLA.

THE release of Comrade Trumbull, soldier in the army of imperialism, now a soldier in the ranks of the revolutionary movement is of great import to the young workers of the entire country. The pioneer work of Comrades Crouch and Trumbull in unmasking our benevolent imperialists (despots in Hawaii) shows the great need for the pushing of anti-militarist work and the necessity of awakening these oppressed colonial peoples in South America, Hawaii, Philippines, Samoa, etc.

Under the pretence of civilizing and educating these "ignorant barbarians" our good samaritans (the plunderers of America) have ground underfoot these colonial peoples by the worst kind of exploitation imaginable. The recent exposure of the activities of the U. S. navy in Samoa reveals conclusively the high-handed methods used. Ostensibly of no economic importance Samoa and Hawaii made excellent bases for the coming war in the Pacific.

Large appropriations by congress and the great energy being put into filling the Citizens Military Training Camps this summer should act as a warning to the young workers (the cannon fodder of the next war) to organize and struggle against militarism. The Young Workers League of New York will make the reception to Walter Trumbull as a starting point for an anti-militarist campaign in which large masses of Young Workers will be drawn into the work. This reception will take place in the Harlem Casino on Saturday evening, April 24 at 8 p. m. Come on mass.

Come Ahead Into the Young Workers League